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AGAINST THE "TRIERS OF THE REINS" OF MORALITY.—One must know the best and the worst that a man Is capable of in theory and in practice before one can judge how strong his moral nature is and can be. But this is an experiment that one can never carry out

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SERPENT'S TOOTH.—Whether we have a serpent's tooth or not we cannot know before some one has set his heel upon our necks. A wife or a mother could say: until some one has put his heel upon the neck of our darling, our child.—Our character is determined more by the absence of certain experiences than by the experiences we have undergone.

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DECEPTION IN LOVE.—We forget and purposely banish from our minds a good deal of our past. In other words, we wish our picture, that beams at us from the past, to belie us, to flatter our vanity— we are constantly engaged in this self-deception. And you who talk and boast so much of " self-oblivion in love," of the "absorption of the ego in the other person "—you hold that this is something different? So you break the mirror, throw yourselves into another personality that you admire, and enjoy the new portrait of your ego, though callitig it by the other person's name —and this